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Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 1 January 2016, official holiday.]

A peaceful and prosperous New Year to all our readers!

Monday, 4 January 2016

Security Council

15:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Programme of work Other matters	Consultations Room

Military Staff Committee

11:00	1838th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2016 (Uruguay) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on *Monday, 4 January 2016*, at 16:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
17:00	His Excellency Elbio Rosselli (Uruguay), President of the Security Council for the month of January

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Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2016, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal consultations on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 8 January 2016*.

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Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the

subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Informal briefing on "The funding situation of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)" (organized by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA))

Wednesday, 6 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 31 December 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7599th meeting *United Nations peacekeeping operations*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2015/26).

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

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Hard copy documents and document support

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Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

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Department of Political Affairs
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Presidency of the Security Council
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

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International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
www.un.org/chronicle

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 31 December 2015

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A/70/PV.34	Meeting held on 16 October 2015 [A C E F R S] — *26 pages*

General Assembly	Documents
	Seventieth session
A/RES/70/111	Items 132 and 142 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 2015 — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/RES/70/113	Item 160 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 2015 — Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/RES/70/230	Item 53 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — Matters relating to activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2016 [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
A/RES/70/231	Item 63 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
A/RES/70/236	Item 83 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
A/RES/70/237	Item 92 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015 — Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
A/AC.109/2016/L.2	Organization of work — Note by the Chair [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

Security Council	Documents
S/2015/1027	Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*
S/2015/1029	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2015/1030	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali [A C E F R S] — *20 pages*
S/2015/1033	Identical letters dated 24 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2015/1046	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/1047	Letter dated 29 December 2015 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/1049	Letter dated 29 December 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

E/CN.6/2016/7 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gende. equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters — Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Middle East (Syria) (S/2015/1049)

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Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

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Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Election

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2016, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres

(e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Resumed Twenty-fifth Meeting

The resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.76, which is available, together with other documents of the Meeting, through the Official Document System of the United Nations (*click here*), as well as through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (Submission of credentials). In this regard, the Secretary-General recalls that the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (see SPLOS/285 and SPLOS/287, para. 13).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2016, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal consultations on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 8 January 2016*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

Wednesday, 6 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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Informal briefing on "The funding situation of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Wednesday, 6 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).]

Briefing on "The humanitarian consequences of El Niño and the need for urgent action" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Thursday, 7 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margarette Pradel, OCHA (e-mail pradel@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2217).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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Department of Political Affairs
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Presidency of the Security Council
www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/

Security Council
www.un.org/en/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

Economic and Social Council
www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

Office for Disarmament Affairs
www.un.org/disarmament/

United Nations Treaty Collection
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United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
owww.un.org/law/avl/

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www.un.org/depts/dhl/

International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
www.un.org/chronicle

PaperSmart portal
www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 4 January 2016

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A/70/PV.32	Meeting held on 14 October 2015 [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*

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A/70/629	Items 20 (d) and 124 — Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind — Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union — Note verbale dated 16 December 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
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A/C.5/70/L.17 Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Draft decisions submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations — Programme budget implications relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

A/C.5/70/L.18 Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations — Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*

A/C.5/70/L.19 Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations — Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [A C E F R S] — *26 pages*

A/C.5/70/L.20 Item 134 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

A/C.5/70/L.24 Item 132 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Draft decision submitted by the Chair — Questions deferred for future consideration [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Sixty-third session

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CEDAW/C/63/2 Item 6 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention — Reports by specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [E (only)] — *19 pages*

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S/2015/968	Letter dated 9 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2015/997	Letter dated 9 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
S/2015/1031	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*
S/2015/1045	Identical letters dated 28 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
S/Agenda/7599	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/RES/2255 (2015)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7590th meeting, on 21 December 2015 [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*

Economic and Social Council

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E/CN.3/2016/L.2	Item 6 — Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission — Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board
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E/ICEF/2016/P/L.1	Item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda — Country programme document — Azerbaijan [E F S (only)] — *18 pages*

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Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238). The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings,* and *19:00 for the summaries.* The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance.*

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Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 6 January 2016.]

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 6 January 2016

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other activities

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Wednesday, 6 January 2016

Informal briefing on "The funding situation of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).]

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Press conferences

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Wednesday, 6 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly, on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100. For the online schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly, please *click here*.

The Delegates Handbook for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available online, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Election

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2016, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Resumed Twenty-fifth Meeting

The resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.76, which is available, together with other documents of the Meeting, through the Official Document System of the United Nations (*click here*), as well as through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (Submission of credentials). In this regard, the Secretary-General recalls that the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials

Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (see SPLOS/285 and SPLOS/287, para. 13).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the draft programme of work of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Informal dialogue

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will convene an informal dialogue on the review of the methods of work of the Commission for Social Development in the context of the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Social Development, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, in Conference Room 4, immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general

discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2016, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal consultations on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 8 January 2016*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

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The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The humanitarian consequences of El Niño and the need for urgent action" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Thursday, 7 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margarette Pradel, OCHA (e-mail pradel@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2217).]

Special event on the third annual "Many Languages, One World" essay contest (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 7 January 2016, at 15:45, in Conference Room S-10MM2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. La Neice Collins, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail collins3@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1160).]

Panel discussion on "Moving Forward with the Reform of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein and The Elders)

Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:45 to 12:45, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. René Holbach, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail rene.holbach@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 230).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

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General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is

open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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Electronic documents

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

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Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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Presidency of the Security Council
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

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Office for Disarmament Affairs
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United Nations Treaty Collection
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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 5 January 2016

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General Assembly	**Documents**
	Seventieth session
A/70/570	Item 164 — Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara — Budget performance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *29 pages*
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2015/973	Letter dated 14 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2015/976	Letter dated 17 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*
S/2015/977	Letter dated 9 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

S/2015/979	Letter dated 9 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2015/987	Letter dated 16 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
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S/2015/1024	Letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2016/2	Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2016/10	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 7 January 2016.]

Other activities

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Thursday, 7 January 2016

Briefing on "The humanitarian consequences of El Niño and the need for urgent action" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margarette Pradel, OCHA (e-mail pradel@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2217).]

Special event on the third annual "Many Languages, One World" essay contest (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))

At 15:45, in Conference Room S-10MM2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. La Neice Collins, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail collins3@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1160).]

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Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 7 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly, on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear a presentation by the Secretary-General on his plan of action on countering violent extremism on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100. For the online schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly, please *click here*. The Delegates Handbook for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available online, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for th term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction"

Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction" will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on protection of civilians; and training and best practices, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Election

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2016, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are

kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Resumed Twenty-fifth Meeting

The resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.76, which is available, together with other documents of the Meeting, through the Official Document System of the United Nations (*click here*), as well as through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (Submission of credentials). In this regard, the Secretary-General recalls that the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (see SPLOS/285 and SPLOS/287, para. 13).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the draft programme of work of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Informal dialogue

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will convene an informal dialogue on the review of the methods of work of the Commission for Social Development in the context of the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Social Development, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, in Conference Room 4, in the morning, immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2016, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal consultations on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 8 January 2016*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflicts as a contribution to prevention and settlements of conflicts" (under agenda item 33) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

Monday, 11 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E;

Tuesday, 12 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 13 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Moving Forward with the Reform of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein and The Elders)

Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:45 to 12:45, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. René Holbach, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail rene.holbach@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 230).]

Opening of the exhibition entitled "International Decade for People of African Descent" (on the occasion of the International Decade for People of African Descent) (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 18:00, at the Curved Wall Area, Conference Building (First Floor).

[All are invited. The exhibit will continue until Friday, 22 January. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Donlon, Department of Public Information (e-mail donlon@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6816); to register, please click here.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

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2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011

Ratification: Peru (6 January 2016)

Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports. Bangkok, 1 May 2013

Approval: Russian Federation (30 December 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

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Executive Board

10:00 to 10:30 — 1st meeting — Conference Room 6

Election of the officers for 2016

[In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal briefings *today*, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 8 January 2016

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12:00 — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly, on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear briefings on progress of the Ebola outbreak response and recovery efforts and to discuss priorities going forward on Wednesday, 13 January 2016, at 16:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his priorities for 2016 on Thursday, 14 January 2016, at 11:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear a presentation by the Secretary-General on his plan of action on countering violent extremism on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100. For the online schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly, please *click here*. The Delegates Handbook for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available online, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

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Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction"

Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction" will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on protection of civilians; and training and best practices, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Election

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2016, on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

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Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties

Resumed Twenty-fifth Meeting

The resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held on Friday, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.76, which is available, together with other documents of the Meeting, through the Official Document System of the United Nations (*click here*), as well as through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

The attention of the States Parties to the Convention is drawn to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (Submission of credentials). In this regard, the Secretary-General recalls that the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure (see SPLOS/285 and SPLOS/287, para. 13).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the draft programme of work of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Informal dialogue

The Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, His Excellency Ion Jinga (Romania), will convene an informal dialogue on the review of the methods of work of the Commission for Social Development in the context of the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Social Development, on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, in Conference Room 4, in the morning, immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2016/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

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Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships:

2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman

(e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 8 January 2016*.

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Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflicts as a contribution to prevention and settlements of conflicts" (under agenda item 33) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

Monday, 11 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E;

Tuesday, 12 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 13 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from the Republic of South Africa to the Kingdom of Thailand) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 12 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Moving Forward with the Reform of the United Nations" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein and The Elders)

Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:45 to 12:45, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. René Holbach, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail rene.holbach@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 230).]

Opening of the exhibition entitled "International Decade for People of African Descent" (on the occasion of the International Decade for People of African Descent) (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 18:00, at the Curved Wall Area, Conference Building (First Floor).

[All are invited. The exhibit will continue until Friday, 22 January. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Donlon, Department of Public Information (e-mail donlon@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6816); to register, please *click here*.]

Special event on "Culture of peace: Dialogue, Compromise and Inclusiveness in the political process – with the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet, winner of 2015 Nobel Peace Prize" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of France, Lebanon, Norway and Senegal and the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 13 January 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Riadh Ben Sliman, Permanent Mission of Tunisia (e-mail riad_bensliman@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 751-7503, ext. 32).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

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Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Antigua and Barbuda (7 January 2016)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011

Ratification: France (7 January 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

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Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

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Department of Political Affairs
www.un.org/depts/dpa

Presidency of the Security Council
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Security Council
www.un.org/en/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

Economic and Social Council
www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

Office for Disarmament Affairs
www.un.org/disarmament/

United Nations Treaty Collection
http://treaties.un.org/

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
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www.un.org/depts/dhl/

International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
www.un.org/chronicle

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www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 7 January 2016

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General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/70/566	Item 158 — Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo — Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *27 pages*
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